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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended): An electronic money remittance method performed by a server,
the server being operatively coupled to terminals, the method being a method for remitting
electronic money from a first user to a storage means storing electronic money of a second user,
the method comprising:

receiving predetermined remittance order information from a terminal for use by the first
user;

generating a program script for depositing an electronic money amount equivalent to the
remittance in the storage means of the second user based on the remittance order information,
and subtracting the amount equivalent to the remittance from a predetermined account balance
related to the first user;

transmitting the program script to a terminal for use by the second user;

receiving a remittance instruction transmitted from the terminal for use by the second user
as a consequence that the program script received by the terminal for use by the second user is
executed by said terminal; and

depositing an electronic money amount equivalent to the remittance by accessing the
storage means of the second user connected to the terminal for use by the second user according
to the remittance instruction, and adding the amount equivalent to the remittance to an electronic
money management account balance related to the electronic money stored in the storage means
of the second user.

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2. (currently amended): The electronic money remittance method according to claim 1, wherein [[the]] an electronic money balance stored in the storage means of each user is managed in the electronic money management account either separately on a per storage means basis or collectively.

3. (original): The electronic money remittance method according to claim 1, wherein, an electronic money account due for remittance is opened; the remittance amount subtracted from a predetermined account balance of the first user is transferred to the electronic money account due for remittance; and according to the remittance instruction, the remittance is transferred from the electronic money account due for remittance to the electronic money management account.

4. (original): The electronic money remittance method according to claim 1, wherein, when the first user owns a storage means storing electronic money, an electronic money amount equivalent to the remittance is subtracted from the electronic money management account balance related to the electronic money stored in said storage means of the first user; and further, the storage means of the first user connected to the terminal for use by the first user is accessed, and an electronic money amount equivalent to the remittance is paid out from said storage means.

5. (original): The electronic money remittance method according to claim 1, wherein, when the first user does not own any storage means storing electronic money, an amount equivalent to the remittance is subtracted from a bank account balance of the first user.

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6. (original): The electronic money remittance method according to claim 1, wherein the storage means is an IC card.
7. (original): The electronic money remittance method according to claim 6, wherein the remittance order information includes identification information of the IC card of the second user, and the remittance amount.
8. (original): The electronic money remittance method according to claim 7, wherein the identification information of the IC card of the second user is a card number of said IC card.
9. (original): The electronic money remittance method according to claim 7, wherein the identification information of the IC card of the second user is an electronic-mail address of the second user; and the electronic money system includes a mapping table between the IC card number of each user and the electronic mail address, and obtains the IC card number of the second user based on said mapping table.
10. (currently amended): The electronic money remittance method according to claim 1, wherein the program script is attached to an electronic mail and transmitted to the terminal for use by the second user.
11. (currently amended): An electronic money system for remitting electronic money from a first user to a storage means storing electronic money of a second user, comprising:

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terminals:

a network server connecting to a terminal for use by a first user and a terminal for use by a second user through a network; and

an electronic money server managing electronic money of each user, wherein,

the network server receives remittance order information generated in the terminal for use by the first user;

based on the remittance order information, the electronic money server generates a program script for depositing an electronic money amount equivalent to the remittance in the storage means of the second user, and subtracts an amount equivalent to the remittance from a predetermined account balance related to the first user;

the network server transmits the program script to the terminal for use by the second user; and

according to a predetermined remittance instruction which is transmitted from the terminal for use by the second user as a consequence that the program script received by the terminal for use by the second user is executed by said terminal, the electronic money server accesses the storage means of the second user connected to the terminal for use by the second user, deposits an electronic money amount equivalent to the remittance, and adds the amount equivalent to the remittance to an electronic money management account balance related to the electronic money stored in the storage means of the second user.

12. (original): A program executable in a terminal for use by the second user to remit electronic money from a first user to a storage means storing electronic money of a second user, said program comprising the processing steps of:

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enabling an electronic money server to access the storage means of the second user connected to the terminal for use by the second user, and to deposit an electronic money amount equivalent to the remittance, and generating a remittance instruction for adding the amount equivalent to the remittance to an electronic money management account balance related to the electronic money stored in the storage means of the second user; and
transmitting the remittance instruction to the electronic money server through a network.

13. (currently amended): An electronic money server for remitting electronic money from a first user to a storage means storing electronic money of the second user, comprising:

a first processing section which generates a program script for depositing an electronic money amount equivalent to the remittance in the storage means of the second user, and subtracts the amount equivalent to the remittance from a predetermined account balance related to the first user, based on remittance order information generated in a terminal for use by the first user; and

a second processing section which accesses the storage means of the second user connected to a terminal for use by the second user, deposits an electronic money amount equivalent to the remittance according to a remittance instruction which is transmitted from the terminal for use by the second user as a consequence that the program script received by the terminal for use by the second user is executed by said terminal, and adds the amount equivalent to the remittance to an electronic money management account balance related to the electronic money stored in the storage means of the second user.

14. (original): A terminal for use by a first user, performing a processing for electronic money remittance from the first user to a storage means of a second user, comprising:

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a display unit which displays a remittance order information generation screen for remitting electronic money; and

a communication section which transmits through a network the remittance order information generated according to the remittance order information generation screen to an electronic money server managing electronic money of each user.

15. (original): A terminal for use by a second user, performing a processing for electronic money remittance from a first user to a storage means of the second user, comprising:

a communication section which receives, from an electronic money server managing electronic money of each user, a program for depositing an electronic money amount equivalent to the remittance into the storage means of the second user; and

an execution section which executes the program, wherein, by executing the program by the execution section, the communication section enables the electronic money server to access the storage means of the second user connected to the terminal, and deposit the electronic money amount equivalent to the remittance, and the communication section transmits, to the electronic money server through a network, a remittance instruction for adding the amount equivalent to the remittance to an electronic money management account balance related to the electronic money in the storage means of the second user.

16. (new): The electronic money remittance method according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined account balance related to the first user comprises a bank account.

17. (new): The electronic money remittance method according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined account balance related to the first user comprises a credit account.